REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Administration Report on the working of the Revenue Department during the year 1967-68 —Review thereon.

READ.—

1. Letter No. RB. REV. PRA/67-68, dated 6th January 1970 of the Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum.
2. Letter No. MisC. PR. 40 C-1367/68-70, dated 15th September 1971 of the Divisional Commissioner, Mysore.
3. Letter No. REV. ADM/168/71-72, dated 3rd November 1971 of the Divisional Commissioner, Gulbarga.
4. Letter No. ADM (2) 1/69 dated 14th June 1972 of the Divisional Commissioner, Bangalore.

ORDER NO. RDF 219 TKV 71, BANGALORE, DATED 25TH OCTOBER 1972.

The Administration Report on the working of the Revenue Department during the year 1967-68 is recorded.

I Belgaum Division

1. *Charge of the Division.*—The Division was under the charge of the following officers as Divisional Commissioner during the year under report.

1. Sri G. S. Srinivasan from 1st July 1967 to 14th March 1968
2. Sri H. Manjunadraiah from 15th March 1968 to 1st June 1968
3. Sri G. S. Srinivasan from 2nd June 1968 to 30th June 1968

2. *Rainfall and seasonal conditions.*—The average rainfall in several districts of the divisions was as follows.

	1966-67	1967-68
Belgaum	700.99 mm	588.04 mm
Bijapur	570.00 mm	501.11 mm
Dharwar	868.4 mm	673.42 mm
N. Kanara	3138 mm	2581 mm

There were inadequate rains throughout Belgaum District except in Belgaum and Khanapur Talukas. Due to insufficient and untimely rains the Kharif and Rabi crops were affected to a considerable extent. Suspension and remission of Land Revenue had to be granted in 793 and 184 villages in the various talukas of the district respectively. In Bijapur District, the rainfall in the months of June and July helped sowing and initial stage of the growth of Kharif crops. But on account of absence of rainfall during August 1967, the Kharif crops suffered much. The yield of Kharif crops was below normal. Due to delayed rains, Rabi wheat crop was also affected. The yield of rabi jowar, gram and other crops was next normal. Land Revenue was suspended fully in 120 villages and partially in 361 villages in Bijapur district. Kharif and Rabi crops in Dharwar district were also affected due to inadequate rainfall. 570 villages in the district were affected by scarcity conditions. Relief works were started in all the Talukas except in the Talukas of Shiggaon, Hangal, Kalghatgi, Hubli and Dharwar to provide employment to needy farm labourers. The rainfall was adequate in North Kanara District.

3. *Area under cultivation.*—The gross area in acres under cultivation during the year under report was as follows :—

	1966-67	1967-68
Belgaum	33,26,647	33,26,669
Bijapur	42,31,393	42,31,393
N. Kanara	25,26,801	25,26,811
Dharwar	34,02,877	34,05,502

4. *Land Revenue.*—The gross land revenue demand during the year showed an increase from 1,90,13,663 to 2,39,76,986. The net increase of Rs. 49,63,323 was due to realisation of Nuzzana amount in respect of resumed inam lands and levy of conversion fine for the use of agricultural lands for non-agricultural purposes.

5. *Remissions.*—Remissions during the year under report amounted to Rs. 16,41,021 as against Rs. 3,79,120 during the last year.

6. *Public Health and Cattle Mortality.*—Public health was generally good except a few instances of cholera, small pox and influenza. Public Health Department took both preventive and curative measures.

There was incidence of epiziotics and 4,528 animals perished on account of this disease.

7. *Takavi loans.*—The comparative figures of tagai advance made during the year and previous year are as shown below :

S. No.	Kind of loan	Advances made during the	
		Previous year	current year
1.	A. L. and L. I. L. Act	40,75,841	29,75,375
2.	Under Special Scheme	1,90,426	81,915
3.	N. A.L. Act	8,200	8,000
4.	High Yielding varieties	...	4,00,000
	Total ...	42,54,667	35,15,290

The shortfall in the advance of loans was due to the fact that there was not much demand for tagai loans for construction of irrigation wells and pumpsets for irrigation purposes as the ryots were getting lands under other schemes through Mysore State Land Development Bank.

8. *D. C. B. of Land Revenue* :—

	Demand	Collection	Balance
Land Revenue	2,55,21,804	2,02,30,785	53,06,019

9. *General.*—The work of the Division was on the whole satisfactory.

II Mysore Division

10. The charge of the Division was under the following officers:—

(1) Sri M. S. Swaminathan from 1st July 1967 till his transfer.

(2) Sri R. Srinivasan from 29th April 1968 to the close of the year 1967-68.

11. *Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions*—The rainfall in the Districts of Mysore, Hassan and Chikmagalur during the year was better than during the preceding year. However, the rainfall was not in time to help agriculture. Dry crops were affected very much. The seasonal conditions during the year were satisfactory except in 5 taluks in Hassan District *viz.* Arsikere, Channarayapatna, Holenarasipur, Arkalgud and Belur and 2 taluks in Chikmagalur *viz.*, Kadur and Tarikere. Foodgrains were available in the open market but the prices were high.

In Coorg, the average rainfall was in the order of 7,366.48 mm. In some parts of the District, Rainfall was untimely and inadequate as a result of which kharif crop suffered in some villages. Due to excessive rainfall, paddy crop in Virajpet and Ponnampet Revenue Circles was badly affected. Cash relief was also paid to the sufferers who sustained loss due to heavy rains.

Seasonal conditions were good in South Kanara District and the rainfall was adequate.

12. *Assignment of Lands.*—Out of 56,473 applications for grant of land, 20,476 applications were disposed of. An extent of 13,252 acres of land was granted as per Land Grant Rules.

13. *Accidental Fire Cases.*—There were 361 cases of accidental fire. One person and 15 heads of cattle died due to these accidents. Cash relief of Rs. 38,330 and building materials worth Rs. 3,100 were granted to the sufferers.

14. *Public Health and Cattle Mortality.*—Public Health was reported to be generally good. There were no epidemics except in some villages of Srirangapatna Taluk. There were 86 deaths in Srirangapatna Taluk due to Cholera.

The cattle mortality during the year under report due to various causes was 4,726.

15. *Takavi and other Loans.*—The total amount granted as loans in the Division was as follows:—

Land Improvement Loan	Rs. 5,90,450-00
Takavi Loans	Rs. 8,81,475-00

The position of arrears of these loans was as follows:—

Demand	Collection	Balance
21,03,924	5,01,401	16,02,523

16. *Land Revenue.*—Position of arrears in the Division during the year under report is as follows —

	Demand	Collection	Balance
Land Revenue	5,06,95,410	1,00,58,682	4,06,36,728

17. *Irrigation Works.*—(i) Visveshwarayya Channel. The entire length of Visveshwarayya Channel and its branches and distributaries continued to be in service throughout the year under report. The area under paddy and Sugarcane cultivation was 1,11,181 acres.

The position of arrears under water rate and contribution is as follows:—

Demand	Collection	Balance
65,25,409	20,32,125	41,93,284

18. *General.*—The work in the Division was on the whole satisfactory.

III Gulbarga Division

19. *Charge of the Division.*—Sri. M. S. Shankar Rao continued to be incharge of the Division during the year under report.

20. *Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions*:—The average rainfall in each of the Districts in the Division during the year under report was as under:—

	During 1966-67	During 1967-68
Gulbarga	633-02 Mms.	678-03 Mms
Raichur	383-03 ,,	478-01 ,,
Bidar	714-00 ,,	649-07 ,,
Bellary	459-13 ,,	514-00 ,,

In Raichur District, the rainfall was not sufficient for the last two years. Consequently scarcity conditions prevailed in non-ayacut areas. Land Revenue collection was suspended in 215 villages of Koppal and Kushtagi Taluks. In Bidar District, 5 villages in Chitguppa Circle were affected. The annewari of the Kharif crop was below expectation. The condition in Bellary and Gulbarga Districts was normal.

21. *Area under Cultivation.*—The total area in the Division under different crops during the year was 61,89,996 acres and 17 guntas as against an area of 57,43,139-00 last year.

22. *Assignment of Land*—1,006 applications out of 3,791 applications have been disposed off. The extent of land assigned was 1,914-12 acres as against 3,661 A-14 G. last year. The amount realised towards the upset price of the lands assigned was Rs. 10,859-25.

23. *Tenancy*:—3 applications out of 53 filed under the Mysore Tenancy Act have been disposed of in Bellary District. There were 72,538 protected tenants under the Hyderabad Tenancy and Agricultural Land Act, 1950 in the three districts, namely, Gulbarga, Raichur and Bidar. The area covered by them is 11,79,221 A-31 G. under Mysore Land Reforms Act, 1961, Tribunals have been established for dealing with the cases of surrenders etc.

24. *Accidental fires*—There were in all 318 cases of accidental fire in the year under report. Cash relief amounting to Rs. 33,623-00 was disbursed among the victims. The number of human lives lost was two and the number of cattle cost was 10.

25. *Public Health*—Public Health was good except for a few cases of Cholera in Bellary District. Some cases of small pox were also reported from Sirguppa, Sandur and Hadagalli Taluks.

26. *Relief Works*:—In Raichur District, relief works such as sinking of irrigation wells, laying of approach roads, construction of drinking water wells and minor irrigation works, were taken up at a cost of Rs. 4,51,331-48. In Gulbarga district Rs 6,900 was spent under '61 Famine Relief'. In Bellary, six relief works were taken up and the amount spent was Rs. 14,869-00.

27. *Takavi Loans*—Takavi Loans amounting to Rs. 23,42,053 were disbursed during the year under report.

28. *Land Revenue*:—The position of land revenue arrears during the year under report was as below:

	Demand	Collection	Balance
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Gulbarga	88,44,691-66	61,83,648-68	26,61,042-98
2. Raichur	1,69,14,281-80	36 91, 92-61	1,32,22,689-92
3. Bidar	52,65,429-18	28,5 ,669-60	24,12,769-68
4. Bellary	80,03,610-33	18,86 503-19	61,17,007-14

29. *General*:—The work in the Division was on the whole satisfactory.

IV. Bangalore Division.

30. *Charge of the Division*:—The following Divisional Commissioners were in charge of Bangalore Division during the year 1967-68.

1. Sri R. Srinivasan from 1st July 1967 to 3rd November 1967
2. Sri R. N. Vasudeva from 3rd November 1967 to 30th June 1968

31. *Rainfall and seasonal conditions*:—The average rainfall recorded in the various parts of the Division during the year under report was as follows:—

	During 1966-67	During 1967-68
1. Bangalore	1,071-32 Mms.	766-80 Mms
2. Kolar	933-00 ,,	550-33 ,,
3. Tumkur	58 -30 ,,	1,5 7-10 ,,
4. Chitradurga	932- 0 ,,	697-00 ,,
5. Shimoga	1,234-70 ,,	1,272-80 ,,

The rainfall during the year was less when compared to the rainfall during the corresponding period of last year.

The seasonal conditions during the year under report were not favourable in Bangalore District due to untimely rainfall. Likewise the seasonal conditions were not favourable in Kolar, Tumkur and Chitradurga Districts. Therefore, relief works had to be undertaken to provide employment to agricultural labourers.

32. *Relief works.*—Due to inadequate rainfall in the districts during the year, there was necessity and demand for providing employment to the agriculturists and agricultural labourers.

Relief works undertaken and the amount spent in each District are as follows :—

	District	No. of Works	Amount spent
1.	Bangalore	650	3,58,249-99
2.	Kolar	523	4,61,053-00
3.	Tumkur	—	4,97,376-83
4.	Chitradurga	417	2,41,743-00
5.	Shimoga	22	31135-00
	Total ...	1,612	15,72,129-12

33. *Area under Cultivation.*—The area under cultivation in the several districts of Bangalore Division is as follows :—

1.	Bangalore	8,64,713 acres
2.	Kolar	5,49,816 ,,
3.	Tumkur	12,52,773 ,,
4.	Chitradurga	12,11,055 ,,
5.	Shimoga	6,93,729 ,,

34. *Assignment of lands.*—Out of 31,558 darkhasts for grant of land, 17,100 were disposed of leaving a balance of 14,038 cases. An extent of 7,209 Acres—19 Guntas has been disposed of during the year.

35. *Tenancy Cases.*—Out of 2,631 cases filed under the Mysore Tenancy Act, 807 have been disposed of leaving a balance of 1,824 cases.

36. *Tanks*—There were 2,023 major and 12,956 minor tanks in Bangalore Division. Repairs and improvements to these tanks were taken up by the P.W.D. in the order of priority.

37. *Accidental fire cases.*—There were 652 cases of accidental fire in various parts of Bangalore Division. There was no loss of human life in these accidents. The estimated loss of property during the year was 18,16,579-50. A sum of Rs. 46,357 was disbursed as cash relief to the victims and building materials worth Rs. 14,018 were also granted.

38. *Public Health.*—Public Health was generally good throughout the year. Cattle disease in Shimoga District claimed 500 lives.

39. *Takavi and other loans*:—The amounts granted as loans in the Division were as follows :—

1.	Takavi Loans	Rs. 15,43,510
2.	Land Improvement Loans.	Rs. 15,43,220

The position of arrears of loans was as follows :—

		Demand	Collection	Balance
1.	Takavi Loans.	37,69,626	4,0 ,259	33,62,367
2.	Land Improvement Loans	28,40,263	5,05 332	23,34,931